[YOUR DESIRE TO BECOME POWERFUL IS STRONG ENOUGH TO CALL FORTH THE WANDERING SPIRITS WITHIN THE VALLEY OF DEATH. AN ARMY OF THE DEAD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EVERY ORDER, SINGLE-HANDEDLY CLEARING THE PATH UPON WHICH YOU WILL WALK.]

...AN ARMY OF THE DEAD?

WAIT.

WHAT'S GOING ON...?

THIS IS...

...MY JOB?

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[YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE "NECROMANCER" CLASS.]

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...WHAT?

BUT I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WITH MY INTELLIGENCE STATS...!
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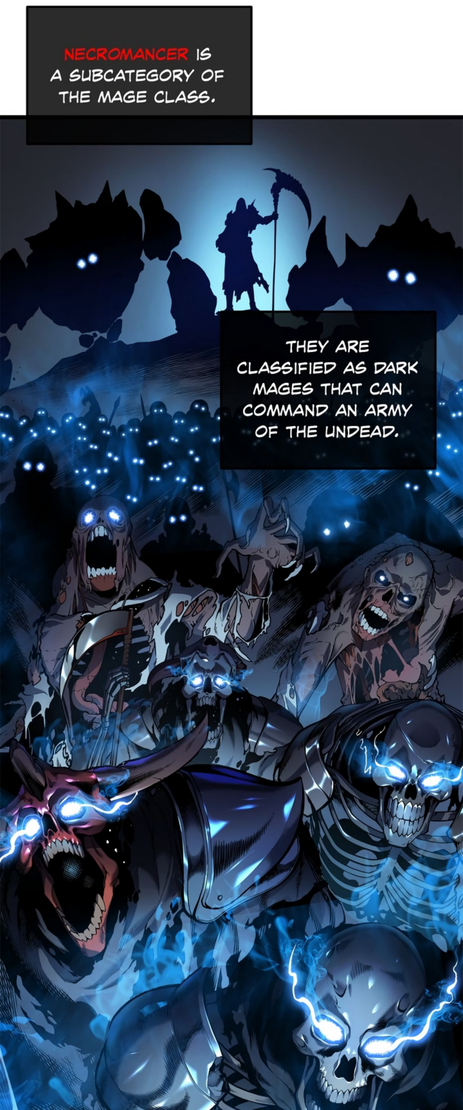
"NECROMANCER"


NECROMANCER IS A SUBCATEGORY OF THE MAGE CLASS.
THEY ARE CLASSIFIED AS DARK MAGES THAT CAN COMMAND AN ARMY OF THE UNDEAD.

I DON'T KNOW IF NECROMANCERS EXIST AMONG HUNTERS, BUT IN GAMES AND NOVELS, THEY'RE KNOWN AS A CLASS WITH THE ABILITY TO SUMMON BEASTS TO FIGHT THEIR BATTLES FOR THEM.

I'VE BEEN A FIGHTER-TYPE EVER SINCE I WAS AWAKENED AS AN E-RANK HUNTER.

ASIDE FROM THE STEEL SWORD I USED IN THE BEGINNING, I'VE ONLY BEEN USING DAGGERS.

THE SKILLS I'VE ATTAINED HAVE ALSO BEEN SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY ASSASSINS. SO HOW IS IT THAT I'VE BEEN PLACED IN A CLASS LIKE THIS?

[SKILLS]
PASSIVE SKILLS:
(UNKNOWN) LV.MAX, TENACITY LV.1,
ADVANCED DAGGER TECHNIQUES LV.1

ACTIVE SKILLS:
SPEED LV.2, BLOODLUST LV.2, CRITICAL ATTACK LV.2,
DAGGER TOSS LV.1, CAMOUFLAGE LV.1,
THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH LV.1

...I NEED TO CALM DOWN FIRST.

IF I HAD TO CHOOSE ONE GOOD THING ABOUT BEING A NECROMANCER,

IT'D BE THAT I GET TO SUMMON MY OWN ARMY, LIKE THE SYSTEM SAID.

BUT THE "SUMMONER" WON'T GROW ANY STRONGER!

MY STATS MIGHT BECOME USELESS!

[STATS]

STRENGTH: 132
HEALTH: 91
AGILITY: 111
INTELLIGENCE: 70
SENSE: 93

DING

— X

NOTICE

[ACCEPT THIS JOB ASSIGNMENT?]

ACCEPT DECLINE

HUH? I GUESS I HAVE A CHOICE.

IF I DECLINE, WILL I NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE JOBS...?

NOTICE

[ACCEPT THIS JOB ASSIGNMENT?]

DECLINE.

VWOOM

DING

[NECROMANCER IS A "HIDDEN CLASS."
DO YOU STILL WISH TO DECLINE?]

A HIDDEN... CLASS?

SOME HUNTERS CAN CREATE POWERFUL SHIELDS.

THERE ARE ALSO HUNTERS THAT CAN GIVE BUFFS TO OTHERS, EVEN THOUGH THEY AREN'T HEALERS.

THERE ARE EVEN RUMORS THAT THE MASTER OF THE WHITE TIGER GUILD, S-RANK BAEK YOONHO, HAS THE ABILITY TO TRANSFORM INTO A MAGIC BEAST.

HUNTERS WHO HAVE SUCH SPECIAL POWERS ARE ALL RECRUITED BY MAJOR GUILDS, WHERE THEY ENJOY INCREDIBLE PRIVILEGES.

SO DOES THAT MEAN HUNTERS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES ARE CLASSIFIED AS "HIDDEN CLASS"?

I WOULDN'T BE SO INDECISIVE IF I HAD THE OPTION TO TRY OUT THIS NECROMANCER JOB.
AH...
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S PROBABLY SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THESE MAGES HAD ABILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF A NECROMANCER.
IT'S AS IF I WAS BEING SHOWN AN EXAMPLE!

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS, BUT THE INTRICACY OF THIS SYSTEM IS PRETTY INTERESTING.

UNLIKE THESE MAGES,

I POSSESS FIGHTING SKILLS.

IF I BECOME A MAGE THAT NOT ONLY HAS THE ABILITY TO ENGAGE IN COMBAT, BUT ALSO THE ABILITY TO SUMMON AN ARMY UNDER MY COMMAND,

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLEAR A B-RANK DUNGEON OR HIGHER, ALL BY MYSELF!

THIS GAME IS CONTROLLED BY MY SKILL LEVEL AND ABILITY STATS!

THAT MEANS THE BEASTS I SUMMON WILL LEVEL UP WITH ME AS WELL!

[YOUR JOB HAS BEEN DECIDED.]

[YOU ARE QUALIFIED FOR A JOB PLACEMENT IN A HIGH-RANK CLASS DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PROMOTION POINTS YOU HAVE ACQUIRED.]

[YOU HAVE EXCEEDED THE ESTIMATED PLAYTIME.]

[YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED ADDITIONAL POINTS.]

DING

[THE INSTANT TELEPORTATION STONE WAS NOT USED.]

[YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED ADDITIONAL POINTS.]

DING

[YOUR REMAINING HEALTH IS ABOVE 50%.]

[YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED ADDITIONAL POINTS.]

DING

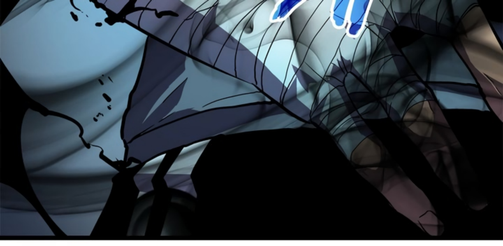
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED ALL ENEMIES.]

[YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED ADDITIONAL POINTS.]

[YOUR TOTAL NUMBER OF PROMOTION POINTS HAS EXCEEDED THE LIMIT.]

WHOOSH

[YOU HAVE BEEN PROMOTED FROM "NECROMANCER" TO "THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS."]



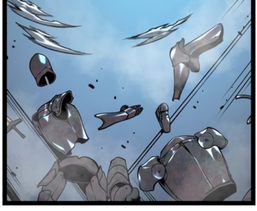
THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS?
A SECOND JOB CHANGE!

DING
[YOU HAVE LEARNED NEW JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS.]
DING
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED BONUS STATS.]
DING
[YOU HAVE OBTAINED THE TITLE, "CONQUEROR OF ADVERSITY."]

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GETTING TWO JOB CHANGES IN ONE GO!

I WAS PROBABLY ABLE TO UNDERGO A SECOND JOB CHANGE THANKS TO THE ADDITIONAL POINTS I WAS AWARDED.

I WOULD'VE BEEN STUCK AS A NECROMANCER FOR A WHILE IF I HADN'T ACQUIRED ALL THOSE ADDITIONAL POINTS.



I HEAR SOMEONE SCREAMING.

IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE IN PAIN.

[SHADOW EXTRACTION MAY BE USED ON THIS TARGET.]

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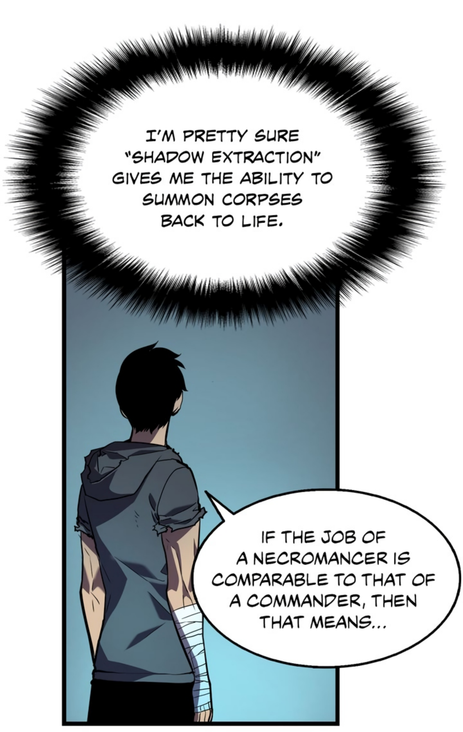
I SEE, SO THIS IS A NECROMANCER'S ABILITY!

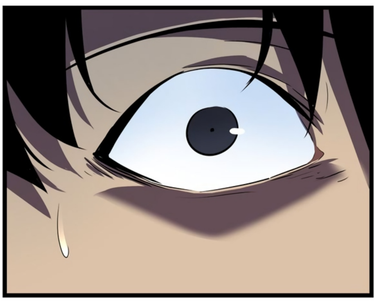

I'M PRETTY SURE "SHADOW EXTRACTION" GIVES ME THE ABILITY TO SUMMON CORPSES BACK TO LIFE.
IF THE JOB OF A NECROMANCER IS COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A COMMANDER, THEN THAT MEANS...

[PLEASE SPECIFY A DESIGNATED COMMAND FOR THE SHADOW EXTRACTION SKILL.]

ARISE.

WHOOOOSH

GRAB



WHOA...

THIS IS AWESOME.

[SKILL: SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.1]
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.
NO MANA REQUIRED.

MANA CAN BE EXTRACTED FROM A LIFELESS CORPSE TO CREATE A SHADOW SOLDIER. THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAILED EXTRACTION INCREASES IN PROPORTION TO THE TARGET'S STATS AND HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN SINCE THEIR DEATH.

NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS: 30/30

[SKILL: SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.1]
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.
NO MANA WILL BE CONSUMED.

SHADOW SOLDIERS CAN BE ABSORBED AND PRESERVED BY THE SUMMONER. PRESERVED SOLDIERS CAN BE SUMMONED AT ANYTIME, OR BE REABSORBED FOR LATER USE.

NUMBER OF PRESERVED SHADOWS: 0/20

DOES THIS MEAN I CAN TURN ANY OPPONENTS I'VE KILLED INTO SUMMONED BEASTS?

[SHADOW INFANTRYMAN LV.1]
RANK: STANDARD

[SHADOW MAGE LV.1]
RANK: ELITE

I HAVE 27 INFANTRYMEN AND THREE MAGES.

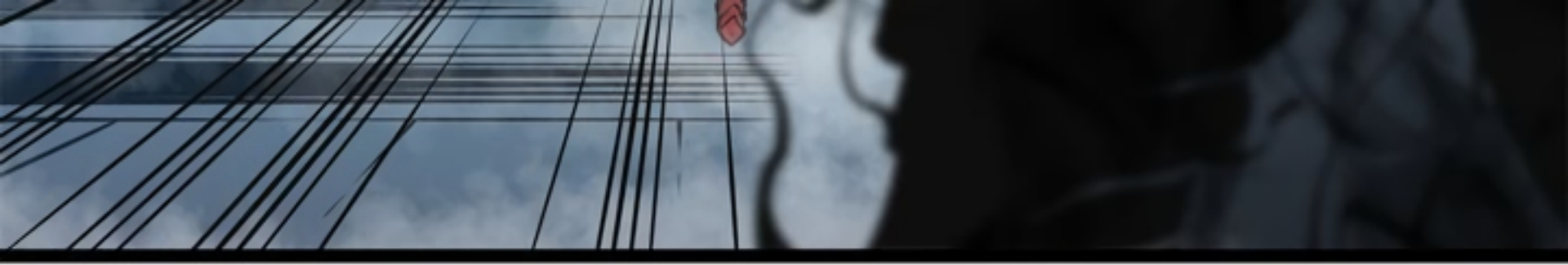
I CAN MAKE UP TO 30 SHADOW SOLDIERS AT A TIME, BUT I CAN ONLY PRESERVE 20 OF THEM.

[THE NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS HAS EXCEEDED THE LIMIT.]

[NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS: 30/30]

[NUMBER OF PRESERVED SHADOWS: 0/20]

WHAT IF I WERE TO OBTAIN THE SHADOW OF AN A-RANK OR S-RANK HUNTER?

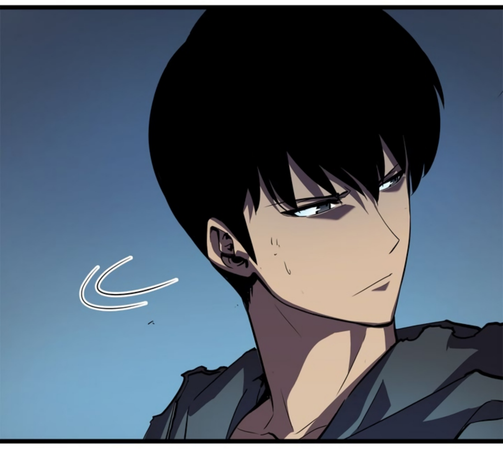


[IN ORDER TO EXTRACT NEW SHADOWS, YOU MUST USE THE "TERMINATE EXTRACTION" COMMAND TO RETURN ONE OR MORE SOLDIERS BACK TO THE WORLD OF NOTHINGNESS.]

I'LL TERMINATE 11 OF THE MORE COMMON SOLDIERS.
I GUESS I SUMMONED YOU HERE FOR NOTHING... SORRY.
TAP
TERMINATE EXTRACTION FOR 11 INFANTRYMEN.

[SHADOW SOLDIERS THAT HAVE RETURNED TO NOTHINGNESS CANNOT BE SUMMONED AGAIN.]

SWOOSH



...KNIGHT COMMANDER IGRIS THE RED.

WHAT IF I MADE THIS GUY PART OF MY ARMY...?

ARISE.

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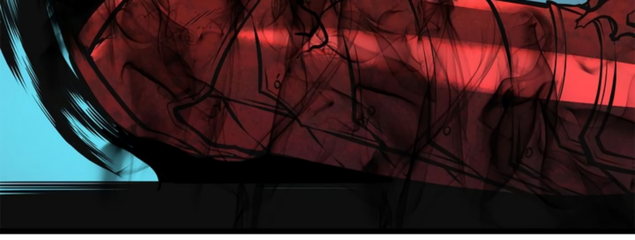

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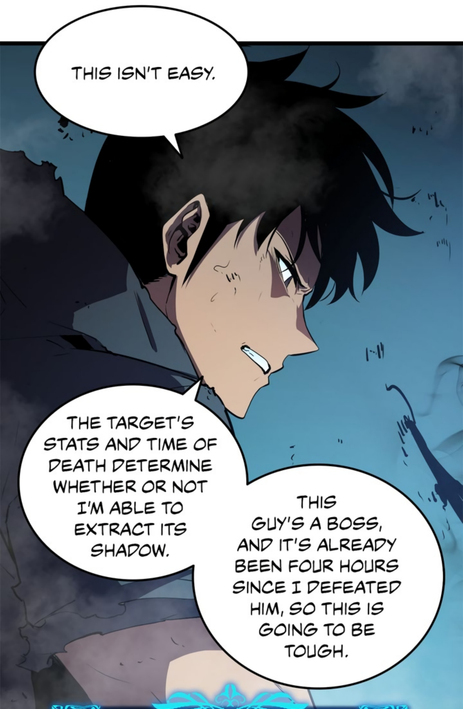
[YOU HAVE FAILED TO EXTRACT A SHADOW.]

[YOU HAVE TWO CHANCES REMAINING.]


THIS ISN'T EASY.
THE TARGET'S STATS AND TIME OF DEATH DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT I'M ABLE TO EXTRACT ITS SHADOW.
THIS GUY'S A BOSS, AND IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR HOURS SINCE I DEFEATED HIM, SO THIS IS GOING TO BE TOUGH.

[SKILL: SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.1]
JOB-SPECIFIC SKILL.
NO MANA REQUIRED.

MANA CAN BE EXTRACTED FROM A LIFELESS CORPSE TO CREATE A SHADOW SOLDIER. THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAILED EXTRACTION INCREASES IN PROPORTION TO THE TARGET'S STATS AND HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN SINCE THEIR DEATH.

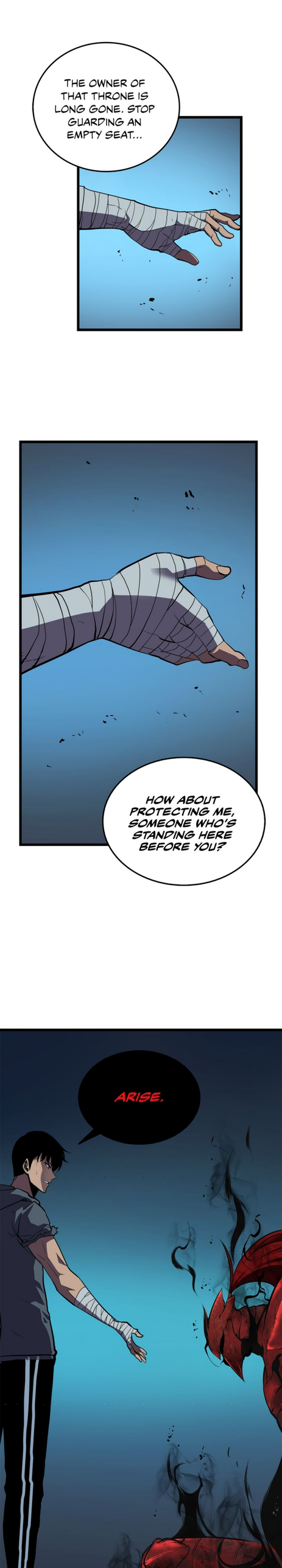
NUMBER OF EXTRACTABLE SHADOWS: 19/30

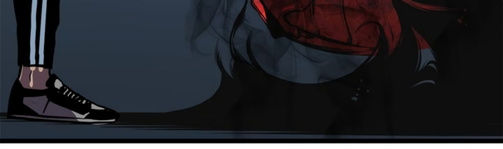
ARISE.

[YOU HAVE FAILED TO EXTRACT A SHADOW.]

[YOU HAVE ONE CHANCE REMAINING.]

THE THRONE...


THE OWNER OF THAT THRONE IS LONG GONE. STOP GUARDING AN EMPTY SEAT...
HOW ABOUT PROTECTING ME, SOMEONE WHO'S STANDING HERE BEFORE YOU?
ARISE.



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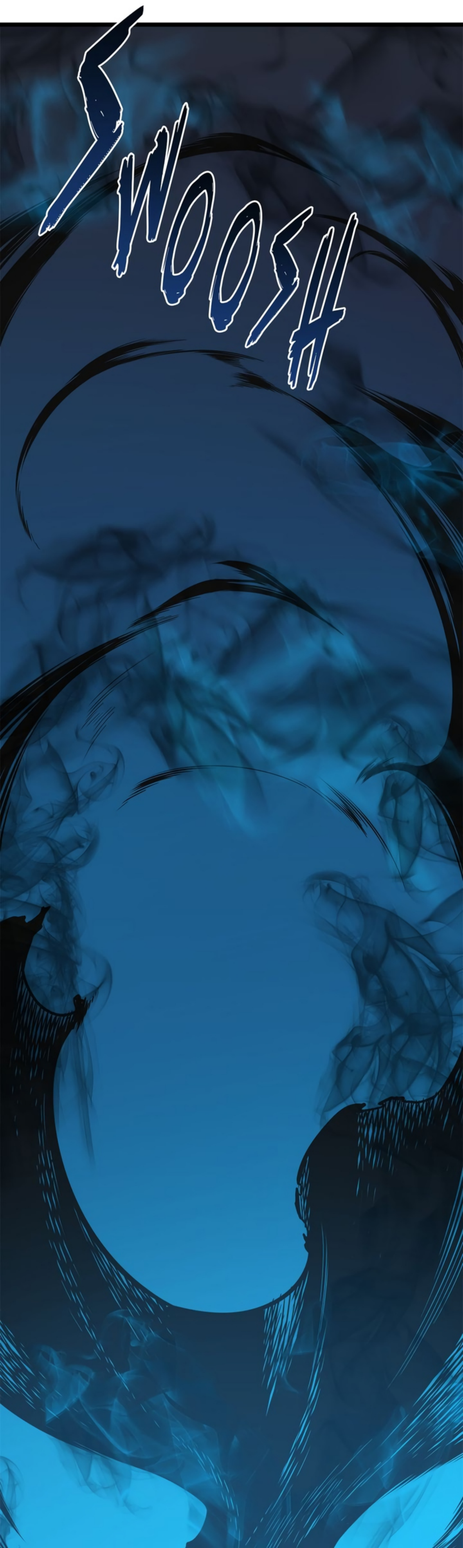

SWOOSH

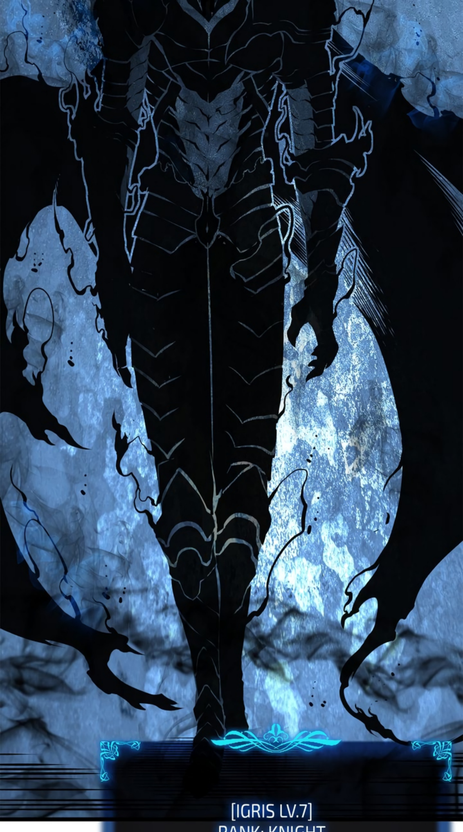
IGRIS THE RED...
NEVER MIND, SAYING THAT NAME MAKES ME CRINGE...
I'LL JUST KEEP IT SIMPLE AND CALL YOU...

[YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ENHANCED THE SHADOW'S POWER.]

[THE SHADOW WILL START AT LEVEL 7.]

[SHADOW SOLDIERS THAT RANK KNIGHT OR HIGHER CAN BE NAMED.]

FROM NOW ON, YOUR NAME IS...



[IGRIS LV.7]
RANK: KNIGHT

[YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED A SHADOW.]

STATS

NAME: SUNG JINWOO
LEVEL: 51
JOB: THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS
FATIGUE: 0
TITLE: WOLF ASSASSIN (+1 OTHER)

HP : 11035

MP : 1022

STRENGTH: 132
HEALTH: 91
AGILITY: 111
INTELLIGENCE: 70
SENSE: 93

PHYSICAL DAMAGE REDUCTION: 46%
ACTIVATED

AVAILABLE ABILITY POINTS: 10

[SKILLS]
[PASSIVE SKILLS]
(UNKNOWN) LV.MAX, TENACITY LV.1, ADVANCED DAGGER TECHNIQUES LV.1
[ACTIVE SKILLS]
SPEED LV.2, BLOODLUST LV.1, CRITICAL ATTACK LV.2, DAGGER TOSS LV.1, CAMOUFLAGE LV.1, THE COMMANDER'S TOUCH LV.1
[JOB-SPECIFIC SKILLS]
ACTIVE SKILLS: SHADOW EXTRACTION LV.1, SHADOW PRESERVATION LV.1
[EQUIPPED ITEMS]
CRIMSON KNIGHT'S HELMET (S), WARDEN'S NECKLACE (A), HIGH-RANKING KNIGHT'S CHESTPLATE (B), HIGH-RANKING KNIGHT'S GAUNTLET (B), HIGH-RANKING MAGE'S RING (B), MID-RANKING ASSASSIN'S BOOTS (C)

[TITLE: CONQUEROR OF ADVERSITY]

THIS TITLE IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE VALIANTLY OVERCOME ADVERSITY. YOUR STATS WILL INCREASE IN PROPORTION TO THE AMOUNT OF HEALTH LOST.
(1% STAT INCREASE FOR EVERY 1% OF HEALTH LOST.)

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I LOOK FORWARD TO FIGHTING ALONGSIDE YOU.

To Be Continued...

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